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Office of the Regional Administrator

June 30, 2021

Ms. Tonya Baer
Director, Office of Air
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Dear Ms. Baer:

This letter responds to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) proposed exceptional events flags and demonstration for the daily maximum air quality 8-hour ozone concentration values on August 16, 17, and 21, 2020, at the Dallas-Fort Worth Grapevine monitor (Air Quality System number 48-439-3009). Your demonstration was submitted to us in a letter dated May 28, 2021, after satisfying a 30-day public review requirement. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its analysis of this submittal in accordance with the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 50.14.

After completing our review of your demonstration, we are unable to concur on the proposed exceptional event flags. We compared the evidence offered in your demonstration against the standard set forth at 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(iv) and found several deficiencies. Details of our review are enclosed.

Our findings here do not constitute final EPA action regarding any matter on which the EPA is required to provide an opportunity for public comment. In particular, this applies to determinations regarding the attainment status or classification of the area. Final actions will take place only after the EPA completes rulemaking with public notice and comment on those determinations.

We appreciate the work of the TCEQ to develop this exceptional event package. If you have any questions about our review, please contact me at (214) 665-2100, or have your staff contact Ms. Frances Verhalen of my staff at (214) 665-2172.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Gray", is positioned above the printed name.

David W. Gray
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure